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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE OF RESUMPTION OF TURKISH-AMERICAN  
BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN JAN 8, IN AN ARTICLE HEADLINES, "WE WILL NOT GIVE CONCESSIONS TO THE US ON THE BASES", DISCUSSED THE RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE U.S. ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF AMERICAN DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY. THE UNATTRIBUTED STORY REPORTED THAT TECHNICAL LEVEL TALKS ARE NOW BEING HELD BUT THAT "POLITICAL AND CONCLUDING TALKS" WILL NOT START UNTIL THE UNCONDITIONAL AND COMPLETE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD THE U.S. THAT INSTALLATIONS WILL

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NOT RESUME FUNCTIONING UNTIL THERE IS A COMPLETE LIFTING OF THE

EMBARGO AND, EVEN IF LIFTED, THE BASES WILL FUNCTION AS "JOINT INSTALLATIONS" WHERE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH COUNTRIES WILL WORK. ADDITIONALLY ALL BASE EXCHANGES WILL BE CLOSED, AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO COMMIT OFFENSES WILL BE SUBJECT TO TURKISH LAWS, AND THE U.S. "WILL PAY A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THESE JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS." THE ARTICLE STATED THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF THE REACTIVATION OF THE INSTALLATIONS, "THERE MUST BE A RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES .... AND FOR THIS THE US MUST SUPPORT THE TURKISH THESIS ON CYPRUS, THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE, THE DODECANESE, THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND FIR TALKS AND MAKE THE SAME SUGGESTIONS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE." TERCUMAN ALSO NOTED THAT, SHOULD CONGRESS LIFT THE EMBARGO COMPLETELY, THE TALKS WOULD THEN BE TAKEN UP AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

2. AYRINTILI HABER ALSO CARRIED ON PAGE 1 A REPORT ON THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS CITING POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN ANKARA WHO CHARACTERIZED THE CURRENT TALKS AS "USEFUL BUT NOT DETERMINATIVE." ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THESE SOURCES STATED THAT THE FINAL SOLUTION MUST BE "POLITICAL". THE SOURCES REPORTEDLY SAW PROGRESS ON THE FUTURE OF THE BASES POSSIBLE ONLY WITH AN END TO THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS IN TURKEY.  
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